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# THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN SEMINOLE COUNTY - ON THE OTHER SIDE OF ORLANDO

## **Rivership Romance**

#### www.rivershipromance.com

Relax and enjoy fresh-cooked entrees as you cruise along the historic St. Johns River. Enjoy elegant, casual dining onboard the 110-foot triple-decked Rivership Romance while viewing natural scenery.

## Central Florida Zoological Park

## www.centralfloridazoo.org

Explore the world of nature in just a few hours to discover more than 400 animals like elusive cheetahs and clouded leopards, towering elephants, colorful mandrills, beautiful macaws and fascinating reptiles. Encompassing 109-acres, visitors stroll along elevated boardwalks while enjoying Florida's natural beauty.

## St. Johns River Cruises

#### www.sjrivercruises.com

Explore the shallow backwaters of the historic St. Johns River onboard the "Native II." Enjoy wild animal encounters and the surrounding flora and fauna.

## Canoeing at the Wekiva River State Park

#### www.visitseminole.com

Soak in the many offerings nature has in store during a canoe tour down the lazy Wekiva River. Go face to face with critters of all types including otters, deer, alligators, opossums and a vast array of birds – all native settlers along the banks of the Wekiva River.

### **Bill's Airboat Adventures**

#### www.airboating.com

Experience the thrill of a high-speed airboat tour along the backwaters of the historic St. Johns River.

## **Gator Ventures of Seminole**

## www.blackhammockrestaurant.org/air-boat.htm

Go face to face with the abundant wildlife that call the bank and shallow waters of Lake Jesup home.

## Historic Downtown Sanford Walking/Driving Tour www.visitseminole.com

Beginning at the historic clock located at Magnolia and First Street, the tour offers background information on the buildings and history that embody the unique offerings of the town of Sanford.

## Helen Stairs Theatre for the Performing Arts www.helenstairstheatre.com

Incorporated in 1922, the Helen Stairs Theatre is located in the heart of historic downtown Sanford. Features productions by the Wekiva River Players, the Orlando City Ballet, Seminole Community College and more.

## Big Tree Park

#### www.visitseminole.com

Home of "The Senator"- the oldest and largest bald cypress tree in the world, standing more than 138 feet high with a diameter of 17 feet.

#### Flea World (America's largest flea market)

#### www.fleaworld.com

Of course, no shopping excursion would be complete without a visit to the 350,000- square-foot Flea World, one of the nation's Top 10 flea markets. Covering 104 acres in Sanford and boasting more than 1,700 dealer booths, it is America's largest flea market under one roof.

## **Museum of Seminole County History**

### www.seminolecountyfl.gov/lls/museum

The Museum of Seminole County History offers a glimpse at Seminole County's agricultural history as well as life of days gone by showcasing a vast collection of period antiques, historical photographs and exhibits of early Florida agriculture and transportation.

Student Museum

#### www.visitseminole.com

Seminole County School Museum is the fourth oldest school in continuous use in Florida, and the first high school in what was then Orange County. The Student Museum and Center for Social Studies is an interpretative center and teaching museum.

#### Sanford Museum

#### www.visitseminole.com

In 1870 General Henry Shelton Sanford, former Minister to Belgium, purchased 12,535 acres of land and laid out his namesake community. General Sanford arranged for a colony of Swedes to settle the area, work an orange grove and experiment with fruits and flowers from all over the world. The first county fair was held in 1881 on land donated by General Sanford. The Sanford Museum allows one to step back in time and visit the family of General Sanford as well as get a glimpse of life in Seminole County in the late 1800s.

## **Bradlee-McIntyre House**

#### www.visitseminole.com

The Bradlee-McIntyre House was built about 1885 and is the only surviving "cottage" in Orange and Seminole counties. It is typical of the flamboyant houses of the Victorian Period.

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Just a stone's throw away from all the major attractions of Central Florida, and within a 15-minute drive from its tourist-magnet neighbor Orlando, Seminole County offers great accommodations, fine dining, upscale shopping, superb golf courses, and state-of-the-art sports facilities and training complexes - flanked by charming historical villages.

Surrounded by the beauty of natural Florida, Seminole County also offers the classic Florida experience of peaceful rivers, fishing, boating, hiking and more.

Getting to Daytona can truly be a day at the beach from Seminole, and visitors are in prime position to take off for Florida's famed Space Coast, too.

For destination information call 1-800-800-7832 (USA and Canada) or 407-665-2900 (outside the USA) or visit www.visitseminole.com.